

DIARY NOTES

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22 November 1963

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1. [REDACTED] from the Office of Security was in to request my approval of the Christmas card which the Director of Security might send to their liaison contacts in the Washington area. I approved with the understanding that there would be no other distribution of this card, and if it sets a precedent which results in numerous similar requests it will have to be discontinued in subsequent years.

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2. [REDACTED] was in to brief me on a conversation he had had with Ed Ehlen, the G-4 at CINCPAC, who requested that certain information be furnished to me. The gist of it is that the airlift capability now available to CINCPAC is going to be reduced by some 50 per cent. MATS will take over some of this responsibility. Ehlen was critical of the Agency in some respects; i.e., using C-130's to fly a very small package, and other instances in which he felt that our use of aircraft which we had obtained from the military was not too economical. He wanted us to know that they were not going to be able to do as many things for us in the future as they have in the past and would also probably charge us for some services which we heretofore have had without cost. I thanked Frank for the information. (It seems to me that this might have two implications for the Agency. First, we should anticipate that service requested of the military may not be as fast or as free as it has been in the past; and secondly, [REDACTED] might be called upon to do some of the things which the military has done for us in the past.) H

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3. The President was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, today. The Director will not go to the West Coast as scheduled but will remain in Washington. The necessary support elements, particularly the Office of Security, were alerted to stand by to furnish whatever support might be needed. (From this time through Monday, 26 November, primary support was furnished by the Office of Security, which at one time had 112 people on duty with the Office of Security of the Department of State and the Secret Service. They were employed in all sorts of capacities from translators to bodyguards.)

4. Bob Fuchs agreed to furnish me the names of two or three finance officers who might be suitable for the job of treasurer or secretary-treasurer of the new educational aid foundation of which I am a member of the Board.

5. Because of the President's assassination, personnel who could be spared were released two hours early today; and all offices were notified that they

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